

South Portage Little League Connection



May 2009

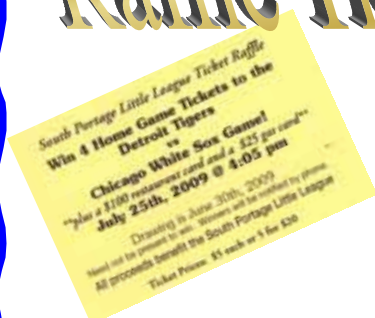
Opening Ceremonies...

The sun was kind and showed up for our opening ceremonies. What a great morning to see so many players make it to the parade and join in the fun. Encore Productions sounded out some great tunes as our teams paraded down to Field 2. Rick Sterling emceed the event and noted our guests who came for the ceremonies. Tammy Lockett did a beautiful job of singing our national anthem and three teams were presented with District 2 championship flags.

Congratulations to our 50/50 winner was Robbie Overlander. This year two distinguished umpires were honored for their many years of service not only to SPLL every season, but to the entire district. Bill Whitlock and John Bird had children come up thru the divisions at SPLL and they continue their umpiring services many times each week. These ump's then called the first pitches of the season for baseball pitcher Charlie Adkins to catcher Wayne Matunas and for softball we had pitcher Rachel Nozicka to catcher Lindsay Strylund. Before we knew it, the time arrived to leave the ceremony and begin the games. We were able to get in a couple of sets of games before the weather turned wet and Field Director Bob Vick's Safety lesson was put to use. Thanks to everyone who participated and made it fun along with Slappy.



Raffle Tickets



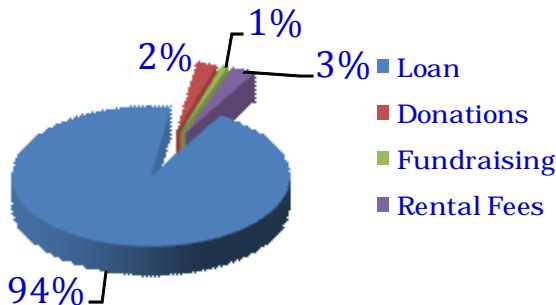
Raffle tickets for the Detroit game went out to each of the teams with uniforms. The team with the most tickets sold over 50 will win a prize of their own: a 3 hour pizza party in the new facility. Some teams have already requested additional tickets. You can get yours by contacting Kathy Irwin @ 329-4985.

All proceeds from the raffle will go towards the loan on the Training Facility. Thank you to Kath Paul and Kalamazoo Stripping & Derusting Co. for donating the tickets to make this possible.

Training Facility Update . . .

If you would like to rent time in the Training Facility, contact Steve Graham for availability: 929-3114

Training Facility:



Rental Fees:

SPLL groups/families

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| Field Rental per hour: | \$30. |
| Hitting/Pitching lane per 1/2 hour: | \$ 5. |

Rental Fees:

Non-SPLL groups/families

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| Field Rental per hour: | \$60. |
| Hitting/Pitching lane per 1/2 hour: | \$10. |



Please follow policy and DO NOT bring your pets to the complex.

Family Fun Day



June 20th

When: 12:00-4:00 at main complex

Home Run Derby to follow on Field #2

Where: SPLL: Kounelis Park

Cost: \$10 per participant

Enjoy a fun filled day with family and friends! Stop by the raffle basket table to see what great donations we received from local businesses. Raffle tickets will be on sale and you do not need to be present to win. Starting at 11:45 You can purchase a "fun day" bracelet at the raffle table. The bracelet is \$10 per participant (under 2 free) and will include all carnival games, chances to dunk a coach, bounce all day, races, skills challenges, games, music and a magic show.

You will receive a program at the time of your purchase which will tell you the times and locations for all of the activities. We'll end your afternoon as we meet down on Field 2 for the drawing of the raffle baskets, a tribute to John Kounelis and a chance to see some power hitters during the Home Run Derby.

Thanks to everyone for making South Portage Little League a great place for our children to grow up, make wonderful friends and memories. We could not do it without you!

Volunteer opportunities available to all young adults ages 14 and older. Please contact Joni Shore at 324-6273 or 377-9873.

You are invited to the

South Portage Little League

May 18th

4-10 p.m.

Dine In or Take Out!

10% Donation Night

Every guest who arrives at the restaurant on the Fundraiser Night with an invitation will be supporting the cause! The Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your entire check to the fundraiser upon presentation of this invitation.



Join us at the Texas Roadhouse

7039 South Westnedge Avenue
Portage, MI 49002
Call Ahead- (269) 323-7427

Apparel Orders . . .

The last date to place orders is June 3rd



Order your 2009 Edition of SPLL Active Wear Now!

Don't be caught off-guard during the windy, chilly and cold evenings. Dress warm and in style with genuine South Portage LL active wear.

Get Dad (and the whole family) that "SP" hat and sweatshirt they always wanted but could never find. Don't buy imitations - this is the official SPLL gear - and you can only get it from South Portage Little League.

Order forms are available today on the website. Please contact Becky Sackett to place your order or for more information at beckysackett@charter.net or 599-2204.

ORDER FORM

South Portage Little League

P O Box 523

Portage, MI 49081

Visit us at:
www.SouthPortageLL.com

To: Current SPLL Families

Feel free to pass the news on.

Events on the calendar

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| May 17 | Board Meeting Training Facility | 6:30 |
| May 30/31** | Fun For All Tournament Major Baseball | |
| June 3 | Last Date for Apparel Orders | |
| June 13/14** | Fun For All Tournament Little Major Baseball | |
| June 20 | Family Fun Day | Starting at Noon |

**Special Games Tournaments being hosted by SPLL are only a couple weeks away.

We are in need of many volunteers to make this a special weekend for the kids. These tournaments involve teams from across District 2. If you are interested in volunteering, we need announcers, bookkeepers, umpires, and extra concessions. Please contact Ken Pope for umpires, Jody Roush for concessions or Mike West for any other duties you can help with on these TWO weekends.

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